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Foreign Faculty in IITs
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to recruit foreign faculty at Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the discussions have been held with all concerned in this regard to allow foreign faculty in IITs; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (d) : IIT Council in its 50th meeting held on 23.08.2016 at IIT-Delhi has taken a decision to systematically increase the number of foreign faculty in IITs in near future for diversification of faculty and cross-fertilization of ideas. IITCouncil has also approved a plan for systematic identification of potential candidates graduating out of reputed international universities to work in the Indian institutions. Accordingly, the issues relating to liberalizing the norms for foreign academicians were discussed in a meeting held in the Ministry on 03.10.2016 with representatives of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). There was broad consensus on liberalizing the existing regulatory regime so that more foreign faculty can teach in India.
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